GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR REGIONAL CANCER CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides funds to the Regional Cancer Centres for diagnosis, treatment and follow up of cancer patients under the National Cancer Control Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided to each centres during each of the last three years till date;

(c) the objectives of the National Cancer Control Programme;

(d) the extent to which objectives of the NCCP have been achieved by such centres ;and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to combat cancer?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Earlier an amount of Rs. 75.00 lakhs per annum used to be released to the recognized Regional Cancer Centres for purchase of equipments and to carry out the research activities in the field of cancer. As per the revised guidelines of National Cancer Control Programme, a one time assistance up to Rs. 3.00 crore is provided to the Regional Cancer Centre (RCC) for strengthening of infrastructure and procurement of equipment. The details of the grant-in-aid released to the various RCCs during the last three years is at Annexure-I.

(c) National Cancer Control Programme was started in 1975-76. Its Goals & Objectives are:-

1. Primary prevention of cancers by health education regarding hazards of tobacco consumption and necessity of genital hygiene for prevention of cervical cancer.

2. Secondary prevention by early detection and diagnosis of cancers.

3. Strengthening of existing cancer treatment facilities.

4. Palliative care in terminal stage cancer.

(d) The National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi who evaluated the NCCP in 2002 has concluded that the Regional Cancer Centres are providing comprehensive cancer prevention and treatment activities in their respective regions. These centres have proved to be successful model in achieving the objectives of NCCP.

(e) Under the schemes of National Cancer Control Programme special emphasis is now being laid on early detection of Cancer through screening, promoting health education, creating awareness etc. under District Cancer Control Programme. Further the Central Govt. is also supplementing the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance for setting up of Radiotherapy Units in Govt. Medical Colleges/Hospitals for providing treatment facilities.

Annexure-I

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL CANCER CENTRES

Year	Name of the Institution	Funds released (Rs. in lakhs)
2002-2003		

1.	Gujarat Cancer Res. Instt., Ahmedabad	75.00
2.	Regional Cancer Cetnre, Thiruvananthapuram	75.00
3.	Cancer Institute, Chennai	75.00
4.	Kidwai Mem. Instt. of Oncology, Bangalore	75.00
5.	Acharya Harihar Res. & Treatment Society, Cuttack	75.00
6.	RST Cancer Hospital, Nagpur	75.00
7	IGIMS, Patna	75.00
8.	Cancer Hospital Research Institute, Gwalior	75.00
9.	Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital, Allahabad	75.00
10.	PGIMS, Rohtak	Nil
11.	Indira Gandhi Medical College,Shimla	Nil
12.	MNJ Institute of Oncology, Hyderabad	75.00
13.	Acharya Tulsi RCC, Bikaner	75.00
14.	RCC, Pondicherry (JIPMER)	75.00
15.	Pt. JNM Medical College Hospitals (RCC) Chhatisgarh	35.00
16.	RCC, Aizawl (NER)	75.00

2003-2004

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2.	Regional Cancer Cetnre, Thiruvananthapuram	75.00
3.	Cancer Institute, Chennai	75.00
4.	Kidwai Mem. Instt. of Oncology,Bangalore	75.00
5.	RST Cancer Hospital, Nagpur	75.00
6.	Cancer Hospital Research Institute, Gwalior	75.00
7	Kamala Nehru Memorial Hospital,Allahabad	75.00
8.	PGIMS, Rohtak	75.00
9.	Indira Gandhi Medical College,Shimla	75.00
10	MNJ Institute of Oncology, Hyderabad	75.00
11.	Acharya Tulsi RCC, Bikaner	75.00
12	RCC, Pondicherry (JIPMER)	75.00
13.	Pt. JNM Medical College & Hospital (RCC) Chhatisgarh	75.00
14.	RCC, Aizawl (NER)	72.88

2004-05

1	RCC Trivandrum	300.00
2	RCC Bangalore	300.00
3	RCC Ahmedabad	300.00
4	RCC Chennai	300.00
5	RCC Guwahati	284.00
6	RCC Allahabad	300.00
7	RCC Pondicherry	300.00
8	RCC Bikaner	300.00

9	RCC Gwalior	300.00